

priorities: expand the government's control over everyday Americans.

#### OSHA CHANGES TO VACCINE REACTION REPORTING

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, historically, under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, covered employers were required to maintain an annual log of all work-related illnesses and injuries.

An illness or injury is recordable if it is work-related, a new case, and the incident involves days away from work or medical treatment beyond first aid, among other things.

On May 21, OSHA changed these requirements. This new OSHA policy effectively removes legal liability from employers that require a vaccine at least through May 2022. Now, if a worker decides to get a vaccine to keep their job and experiences an adverse reaction, the employer is not responsible for this injury.

OSHA stated it changed this requirement only because they do not want to give any suggestion of discouraging workers from receiving the COVID-19 vaccinations or to disincentivize employers' vaccination efforts.

Why are they trying to hide statistics related to the vaccine? While this policy change appears to be a mere sidenote for OSHA's lengthy guidelines, we have to ask President Biden and OSHA: Why is the ethical burden on the workers and not on the government?

#### RESIST VACCINE MANDATES

(Mr. MOORE of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, millions of freedom-loving Americans with legitimate concerns with the vaccine—some are vaccinated, by the way—have had their jobs, livelihoods, and military service held hostage by this new vaccine mandate. They are being told to shut up and take it. That is un-American.

With both Army Fort Rucker and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in my district, I am especially disturbed by the new vaccine mandates our military and civilian contractors are having to endure.

Last week, I spoke at a meeting of concerned Fort Rucker employees. We expected about 20 to 30 attendees, but hundreds showed up. Clearly, Americans are mobilizing to resist against these mandates.

I met with Lieutenant Colonel Theresa Long, a military physician stationed at Fort Rucker. We have seen firsthand the health risks associated with the vaccine that can impact our military readiness. Why are voices like hers being ignored? She has the rank of

lieutenant colonel; she has a medical degree; and she is an expert. And if she is not, who is?

These mandates are about control and not safety. Every American must have the freedom to make their own health decisions, and our concerns will not be silenced. The American people will continue to resist the vaccine mandates, and I am proud to stand with them.

#### HONORING GENERAL COLIN POWELL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Secretary Colin Powell, America's general.

Secretary Powell was more than an astute general and outstanding civic leader who served our Nation's President. He was kind-hearted, a genuine American hero. He was a man of conscience and integrity who bravely stood against divisiveness and lived life bringing people together.

As the son of two hardworking Jamaican immigrants, he knew the importance of education and hard work. General Powell, as he prefers to be called, was the first African-American National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of State, and he had 35 years of service in the military for this Nation.

He described himself in a New York Times article, and he talked about himself in the third person: "Powell is a problem-solver. He was taught as a soldier to solve problems. So he has views, but he is not an ideologue. He has passion, but he is not a fanatic. He is, first and foremost, a problem-solver." And that he did.

In Vietnam, he was a hero when the helicopter that he was in crashed, and he pulled out his commander, Major General Charles M. Gettys.

Also, he was a passionate servant of the people. When he retired, he organized America's Promise. America's Promise helped at-risk children. I remember seeing his program, hearing about his program, and supporting his program.

To his wonderful wife, Alma, and his children, he remains to us an extremely beloved individual. I am reminding all Americans, let us remember that a general can be soft and strong and remain a hero to all of us in nature, spirit, sacrifice, and deeds.

The Nation has lost a great leader, but more importantly, the Nation has lost a symbol of what is best and great about America.

#### AMERICA IN CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, during my time this afternoon, my colleagues and I will address the burning issues that are on the hearts and minds of all our constituents back home—really, all Americans—and that is the numerous self-inflicted crises of the Biden administration and the House Democrats' increasingly radical leftwing legislative agenda.

Madam Speaker, Democrats may narrowly control the House, the Senate, and the White House, but over the past several weeks, it has become abundantly clear that they just cannot govern.

America is in crisis. Everybody knows that, and everybody can feel it in so many areas.

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Today, the White House spends its days doing damage control on all these multiple crises of their own making.

Just think of what we are facing right now. We have an economic crisis where jobs remain unfilled, prices for basic goods continue to rise, and the shelves sit empty.

We have got an energy crisis that has led to the highest gasoline crisis since 2007, and we know the projections for warming our homes in the winter are off the charts.

We have multiple foreign policy crises, and we have on the southern border humanitarian, national security, and public health crises like we have never seen before.

These really are existential kinds of threats to the country. I know our colleagues like to throw that word around, but it really does apply here. And while all Presidents confront crises beyond their control, that is not what is happening here. These crises—the things we are talking about today—are the direct result of this administration's own actions.

We know that inflation is rising because Democrats are flooding the economy with money and supply is down because of labor shortages caused by the Democrats' so-called pandemic policies. Gas prices are up thanks to a steady assault on our energy producers by the Biden administration. Our foreign policy is in crisis because of the Biden debacle in Afghanistan and all the other fumbles that they have made.

The border problem is simple. They opened the border. They put a welcome mat there and told everybody around the world to come on in. The Democrats opened it, and so we should not be surprised or shocked at the result of that invitation.